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NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE OF UTAH

THE STATE OF UTAH TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING MATTERS (Docket Nos. 2012-017, 2014-020, 2014-023, and 2014-024):

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining ("Board"), State of Utah, will conduct a hearing on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2014, at 9:00 AM, or as soon thereafter as possible, in the auditorium of the Department of Natural Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah.

THE HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED as a formal administrative adjudication in accordance with the rules of the Board as set forth in Utah Administrative Code R641 et seq. and as provided for in Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-1 et seq., Utah Code Ann. § 40-8-1 et seq., and Utah Code Ann. § 63G-4-101 through 601.

DOCKET NO. 2012-017 CAUSE NO. M/047/0103 – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of LIVING RIVERS for an Order vacating the Division's decision approving the permit application of Red Leaf Resources, Inc., for the Southwest #1 Mine, located in Sections 19, 20, 29, and 30, Township 13 South, Range 23 East, SLBM, and Sections 25 and 36, Township 13 South, Range 22 East, SLBM, Uintah County, Utah.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PROCEEDING will be for the Board to receive testimony and evidence regarding a Request for Agency Action filed by Living Rivers, asking that the Board enter an Order:

1. Vacating the decision of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining approving the application of Red Leaf Resources to conduct oil shale mining and reclamation operations at the Southwest #1 Mine located in Sections 19, 20, 29, and 30, Township 13 South, Range 23 East, and Sections 25 and 36, Township 13 South, Range 22 East, SLBM, Uintah County, Utah, and enter an order denying the permit application and directing the Division to limit its approval to the EPS capsule, or in the alternative, vacating the Division's approval of the permit application and remanding the matter to the Division to allow Red Leaf to correct identified permit deficiencies; and
2. Providing such other relief as may be just and equitable under the circumstances.

DOCKET NO. 2014-020 CAUSE NO. 259-04 – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of GASCO PRODUCTION COMPANY for approval of Enhanced and Secondary Recovery Operations in the Green River Formation in portions of Sections 2, 3, and 10-13, Township 10 South, Range 18 East, SLM, Uintah County, Utah, and for certification of the project as an Enhanced Recovery Project.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PROCEEDING will be for the Board to receive testimony and evidence regarding a Request for Agency Action that the Board enter an Order:

1. Establishing and approving unit and enhanced and secondary recovery operations in the proposed River Bend Green River Enhanced Recovery Unit area for lands located in portions of Sections 2, 3, and 10-13, Township 10 South, Range 18 East, SLM, Uintah County, Utah;
2. Certifying the proposed River Bend Green River Enhanced Recovery Unit as an "Enhanced Recovery Project" for purposes of the severance tax rate reduction pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 59-5-102(7) and Utah Admin. Code Rule R649-3-37; and
3. Providing for such other and further relief as may be just and equitable under the circumstances.

DOCKET NO. 2014-023 CAUSE NO. 131-138 – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of CRESCENT POINT ENERGY U.S. CORP. for an Order establishing two (2) Sectional (640 acre, or substantial equivalent) Drilling Units in Section 18, T3S, R1E, USM, and Section 10, T4S, R2E, USM, and Two (2) 1280 Acre (or substantial equivalent) Drilling Units comprised of Sections 20 and 29, T3S, R1E, USM, and Sections 22 and 27, T3S, R2E, USM, Uintah County, Utah, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Lower Green River and Wasatch Formations, and to allow, on a Pilot Basis, the drilling and production of up to Six (6) Horizontal Wells on each Drilling Unit so established

THE PURPOSE OF THE PROCEEDING will be for the Board to receive testimony and evidence regarding a Request for Agency Action that the Board enter an Order:

1. Establishing four (4) special drilling units, two sectional (640-acre or substantial equivalent) drilling units (the "640 Pilots") and two 1280-acre (or substantial equivalent), drilling units (the "1280 Pilots"), for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Lower Green River and Wasatch Formations, defined for purposes of this cause as:

that interval below the stratigraphic equivalent of 9,600 feet depth in the "E" Log of the Carter #2 Bluebell well located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 3, Township 1 South, Range 2 West, U.S.M. (which equivalence is the depth 9,530 feet of the SP curve, Dual Induction Log, run March 15, 1968, in the Chevron #1 Blanchard well located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said [Section 3]), to the base of the Green River-Wasatch formations,

which 9,600-foot depth is equivalent to 5,955 feet in CPE's central Randlett Gavitte 13-23-3-1E well located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23, Township 3 South, Range 1 East, (the "Subject Formations") in the following Uintah County, Utah lands:

640 Pilots:

a. Township 3 South, Range 1 East, USM, Section 18: Lots 1 (38.47), 2 (38.45), 3 (38.43), and 4 (38.41), E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ [All] (containing 633.76 acres, more or less)

b. Township 4 South, Range 2 East, USM, Section 10: All

1280 Pilots:

a. Township 3 South, Range 1 East, USM, Section 20: Lots 1 (41.53), 2 (41.66), 3 (41.80), and 4 (41.93), S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ [All]; and Section 29: Lots 1 (39.68), 2 (39.56), 3 (39.49), and 4 (39.65), N $\frac{1}{2}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ [All] (containing 1,285.30 acres, more or less)

b. Township 3 South, Range 2 East, USM, Sections 22 and 27: All (collectively the "Subject Lands"); and

2. Authorizing, on a pilot basis, the drilling and concurrent production of up to six (6) horizontal wells on each special drilling unit so established; provided, however, that:

a. No producing interval of an authorized horizontal lateral may be located closer than 660 feet to any boundary of said special drilling unit, and no closer than 660 feet to any existing vertical well within the special drilling unit, without obtaining an exception location approval in accordance with Utah Admin. Code Rule R649-3-3;

b. The surface location of an authorized horizontal well not only may be located anywhere on the special drilling unit, but also may be located off the special drilling unit presuming proper surface and sub surface authorization for such a location has been obtained from the owners, and the well will be cemented and cased to the 660-foot drilling unit setback within the special drilling unit as set forth in (a) above, both to be evidenced and satisfied by a self certification of the operator of said special drilling unit and filed with the Division, and the other 660-foot setbacks as set forth in (a) above are maintained;

c. No new vertical wells may be located upon the Subject Lands to produce from the Subject Formations, as defined above, without further authorization from the Board; and

d. Within a reasonable time after analysis of the pilot program results, but in any event, not more than two years after entry of the Order, if granted, CPE shall report back to the Board on the results of the program in a manner consistent with that previously established by the Board in its Order entered in Cause No. 139-113.

The Subject Lands are located in the "Randlett" area, East of the Central Basin area of the greater Altamont/Bluebell field.

3. Providing for such other and further relief as may be just and equitable under the circumstances.

DOCKET NO. 2014-024 CAUSE NO. 270-03 – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of FINLEY RESOURCES INC. for an Order establishing Special Drilling Units for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Eocene Middle and Lower Green River and portions of the Paleocene Wasatch Transitional Formations, comprised of Lands in Township 3 South, Range 2 East, USM, and Townships 7 and 8 South, Range 20 East, SLM, Uintah County, Utah, and authorizing wells on each such Drilling Unit so established to achieve an approximate equivalent 20-acre well density

THE PURPOSE OF THE PROCEEDING will be for the Board to receive testimony and evidence regarding a Request for Agency Action that the Board enter an Order:

1. Establishing special drilling units (described below) for the production of oil, gas and hydrocarbons from the Eocene Middle and Lower Green River and the upper 1,000 feet of the Paleocene Wasatch transitional formations, defined for purposes of this Cause as follows: the stratigraphic equivalent of the interval between the Mahogany Bench top, as found at 4,359', and approximately 1,000' into the Paleocene Wasatch, found at 7,787', on the log for the Ultra Resources Three Rivers 34-31-820 Well in Section 34, T7S-R20E, SLM (the "Subject Formations"), for the following Uintah County, Utah lands: Township 3 South, Range 2 East, USM, Section 25: Lots 3 (9.73) and 4 (27.15), Section 36: Lots 1 (44.05), 2 (20.97), 3 (37.82) and 4 (14.84), and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$; Township 7 South, Range 20 East, SLM, Section 30: Lot 4 (47.20), Section 31: Lots 1 (28.00), 2 (10.00), 3 (33.10) and 4 (15.80), and the E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Township 8 South, Range 20 East, SLM, Section 9: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the S $\frac{1}{2}$ (collectively the "Subject Lands");

2. Authorize the drilling and production of wells on each drilling unit so established to achieve an approximate equivalent 20-acre well density; provided, however, that the productive interval of any well may not be located closer than 460 feet to a shared drilling unit/lease boundary line or 100 feet from a drilling unit boundary, if the adjacent lands are within the same lease and have the same production interest owners. Because the Uintah Special Meridian line traverses portions of the Subject Lands, thereby creating unconventional land ownership patterns, and after preliminary discussions with, and the concurrence of the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, Finley specifically requests the following special drilling units be formed, with the following well authorization to equate to an equivalent to 20-acre density, to prevent lands from being undeveloped or underdeveloped:

A) Township 3 South, Range 2 East, USM, Sec. 25: Lots 3 and 4, Sec. 36: Lot 1 (80.93 acres) with up to four (4) wells allowed;

B) Township 3 South, Range 2 East, USM, Sec. 36: Lots 2, 3 and 4 and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ (113.13 acres) with up to five (5) wells allowed;

C) Township 7 South, Range 20 East, SLM, Sec. 30: Lot 4, Sec. 31: Lots 1 and 2 (85.20 acres) with up to four (4) wells allowed; and

D) Township 7 South, Range 20 East, SLM, Sec. 31: Lots 3 and 4 (48.90 acres) with up to two (2) wells allowed.

As to the remaining Subject Lands, the units shall be comprised of the regular quarter-quarter sections, with two (2) wells allowed per quarter-quarter section. In addition, Finley requests that the Board expressly ordering that Utah Admin. Code Rule R649-3-11(1.1) is inapplicable to any directionally drilled well on the drilling units so established as long as the productive intervals are within the set backs so established and with the caveat that, if an uphole completion closer than the set back is subsequently proposed, an exception location approval in accordance with Utah Admin. Code Rule R649-3-3 (or subsequently enacted equivalent regulation) will be required; and

3. Providing for such other and further relief as may be just and equitable under the circumstances.

Objections to the Request for Agency Action must be filed with the Secretary of the Board at the address listed below no later than the 10th day of the month, or two weeks before the scheduled hearing, whichever is earlier. A party must file a timely written objection or other response in order to participate as a party at the Board hearing. Failure to participate can result in a default judgment.

Natural persons may appear and represent themselves before the Board. All other representation by parties before the Board will be by attorneys licensed to practice law in the State of Utah, or attorneys licensed to practice law in another jurisdiction which meet the rules of the Utah State Bar for practicing law before the Utah Courts.

Persons interested in this matter may participate pursuant to the procedural rules of the Board. The Notice of Agency Action, and any

subsequent pleadings, may be inspected at the office of the undersigned, and inspected online at the Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining's website at <http://ogm.utah.gov/amr/boardtemp/redesign/books.html>.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons requiring auxiliary communicative aids and services to enable them to participate in this hearing should call Julie Ann Carter at (801) 538-5277, at least three working days prior to the hearing date.

DATED this 29th day of May, 2014. STATE OF UTAH BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

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